

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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That Moral Spasm.

A Chicago newspaper claims that Judge Mercer, of the Pennsylvania supreme bench, declared to its reporter that when he was in Congress "he knew, and everybody else knew, that congressmen were holding stock in the Credit Mobilier and nothing was thought of it more than would be if they owned any other property. The whole trouble arose from the lack of boldness in the men themselves; if they had come and declared that they had the stock, and asked what of it, nothing would have been thought of it. But a sort of moral spasm struck the country at that time, and it was held to be wrong for congressmen to hold stock of any kind."

The Philadelphia *Ledger* thinks that is just the sort of a supreme court justice for Pennsylvania. "Miscellaneous" is entitled it very mildly. And that Judge Mercer should talk thus only shows how difficult it is for a man to adapt his ideas to his situation when the latter happens to be more exalted than is naturally becoming to his mental constitution. Judge Mercer is naturally a politician with the ideas of the ordinary grade of that class of men. He went right to the bench out of the midst of politics. He was nominated because he was a politician, not because of his reputation as a judge.

He went from Congress to the bench. The change of atmosphere was great, and it is not surprising perhaps that the judge has not yet got the better of the politician. It is a severe struggle for Judge Mercer, because he contends against both nature and habit. Probably he does not yet realize how improper the language sounds that he used to that Chicago reporter. The judge, no doubt, was telling the truth as he recollected it, and giving his ideas frankly as he entertained them. Perhaps we ought not to complain that he speaks freely what he thinks; but certainly we have a right to object to his thinking as he does, when he is a supreme judge of Pennsylvania.

We can reasonably object to his belief that no harm was done when congressmen held Credit Mobilier stock. Most excellent reasons existed why they should not. To say nothing of the dependence of the company upon the favor of Congress, it is admitted by Oakes Ames's sons that it was formed to avoid the law which forbade the Pacific railroad company doing what the Credit Mobilier undertook to do; and yet the one company was but another name for the other. It was a company formed to violate the law, and one which Congress could prosper or wither. Therefore the people of Pennsylvania will not patiently hear the declaration of a supreme judge of their state that no harm was done when congressmen took stock in the Credit Mobilier.

And when Judge Mercer declares that "the whole trouble arose from the lack of boldness" of the implicated congressmen, and that "nothing would have been thought of it" if they had admitted and defended their participation in the company, which only suffered from a "moral spasm," that "struck the country at that time," the people may reasonably question whether it is not nearly time for Judge Mercer himself to become the object of a similar "moral spasm," that he may determine by experiment whether boldness is the only thing needed to protect an official whose opinions are obnoxious to the public sense. The moral spasm that brought low the Credit Mobilier congressmen was based upon the objection of the people to being taxed to raise a fund for thieves. Such they held to be the men who asked public aid to build a railroad to the Pacific as a beneficent national enterprise, and then invented a scheme by which they defeated the law which limited the amount of their possible profits, and by a contract with themselves and the purchased favor of Congress, got money enough from the nation to build the road; and took all its bonds and stock as the profit of their brazen ingenuity.

Judge Mercer needs to revise his notion of this "moral spasm" if he wishes to be held in esteem as a judge. The sentiment of the people upon the Credit Mobilier matter was emphatically and promptly rendered. It is too strongly founded and too stoutly held to be ever reversed. It is but kicking against the pricks to essay to do so, and Judge Mercer forgot the role of the politician as well as the judge if he rashly uttered what the Chicago paper says he did about that "moral spasm."

Garfield and the Stalwarts.

Much more unlikely stories have turned out to be true than that which the New York *Mercury* prints, sent from Columbus, Ohio, in alleged explanation of the attitude of Conkling to the present Republican campaign. According to its correspondent the Ohio politicians were not pleased with Garfield's pilgrimage to New York to conciliate the custom house ring and ponies there. In view of the pending close October struggle in Ohio they deemed it of far greater importance that he should give undivided attention to his own state, for if it is lost there will be nothing saved from the wreck of his fortunes for even the New Yorkers to claim salvage upon. Even Garfield himself is reported to have taken this view of it, and to have curtly declined the invitation to go to New York not only on political but on personal grounds as well, declaring, with a good sense that he afterwards put behind him, that "any man who was a candidate for office and traveled in a circus performance would be beaten, and deserved his fate."

But a bogus report sent out that there was to be a "bloody shirt campaign, and plenty of money" in the South, caused a flocking of the political vultures to New York, whose presence was required to Garfield as imperatively requiring his company, and he changed his mind—as he is habitually doing—and came. Conkling still held aloof, and it is said Garfield had to go to him and arrange terms for his active support. The Conkling people say that Hayes did as much for Schurz four years ago, and they will take no Ohio man's word this time

without some guarantee. We doubt if Conkling has been entirely placated even yet, and the fact that *Don Cameron* was not at the New York conference, though published as being there, indicates that the stalwarts have not been altogether appeased. They found Mr. Hayes tricky, they know Garfield is uncertain, and will probably let the Ohio Republicans carry their own state first before they give them any very substantial aid.

Let Them Alone.

Why cannot the Lady Courts be left alone to marry that young American of ours in peace and quietness. What business is it of any of us? She is old enough and so is he. The years of discretion are not lacking. If he likes years near to seventy and she likes the freshness of less than thirty, we need not be surprised, for there are advantages on both sides that make the arrangement a very business-like one. She has wealth, he youth. It is a matrimonial trade that is going on every day; but often with a reversal of parties. The man frequently has the money, while the woman contributes the beauty. Just the other day a distinguished citizen of Pittsburgh, older than the lady Courts, married a lady about the age of her intended spouse; and 'tis said gave her a million dollars as a bridal present for a make-weight to his years. Who says he or she did not do wisely? He traded his money for what he believed would give him increased happiness during the brief remainder of his life. What better could he do with it? He could not take it with him; neither could the baroness Courts. So they did wisely, as we must agree. And as to the youthful partners in the arrangement; shall we object that they sold their youth for lucre? Perhaps we might if we were in their places. Maybe we are more sentimental than they are. If they have not the sentiment which would have enabled them cheerfully to throw so many ducats over their shoulders perhaps they are unfortunate; perhaps not. But we do insist that there shall be equal liberty extended to the youth of both sexes to walk in the paths of matrimony, and to balance their roses with joy. It may be a proper subject of comment that the scarcity of English heiresses and the abundance of eligible young men should drive the latter so far up in seventy years for a monetary equivalent of their flower; and we may congratulate the marriageable young men of America that theirs have not yet reached such a pass here; but this is about the limit of public interest in the Courts contest.

PERSONALS.

PROCTOR KNOTT is safe at home. The story of his being shot was a canard.

DR. SWETZELL, of Pittsburgh, formerly of the city, was attacked by two highwaymen, while on his way home, on Liberty street, and robbed of a diamond cross valued at \$500.

Colonel McNEILL, enroute to the queen, who accompanied Prince Leopold on his visit to Canada and the United States, was knighted by her majesty upon the return of the prince.

Hon. HESTER CLYMER, of Reading, sustained a severe fracture of the right arm yesterday, by the overturning of his carriage. His mother-in-law and sister-in-law, who accompanied him, escaped with few bruises.

Commodore NUTT has been selling five cent beer in San Francisco and was arrested for keeping a disorderly house where an ancient mariner testified that such profane songs as "Whoa Emma" and "Grandfather's Clock" were sung.

CARLYLE is now a grand-uncle, and is immensely pleased and proud over his new honors. He sends for the infant whenever anybody calls, and remarks upon the perfection of the finger-nails and the little toes and all the rest of the wee body. He turns it up and down and over, and explains the mysterious and wonderful anatomy—in short, acts like a child over the first baby it has ever seen.

In noticing the paucity of Lancaster county soldiers at the National Guard parade the Germantown *Telegraph* conveys the startling news that "what the county fell short in numbers, however, it made up in personal appearance, of Colonels HERNOLDS and STEINMAN and Major BRENNAN, who owe it to themselves as well as their grand old county, to have upon the camping-ground a year hence, at least four times the force."

The Lake City, Col., *Register* announces that "a contract will be let this week for further work on the drift, now in 100 feet in the Mountain Chief mine owned by CHAS. E. GAST, esq., of Pueblo, formerly Lancaster Pa. It is one of the richest and most valuable prospect in San Juan. We saw a specimen the other day that glistened with brittle silver and grey copper, with some galena. Assays have yielded 325 and 454 oz. silver."

Owen county, Indiana, challenges any other county to show as true an old Democratic "stand-by" as it can in the person of ANDREW ARNEY. Mr. Arney is ninety-two years old. He walked a mile to attend the organization of the Hancock and English club of Spencer township, in that county, and was the first to sign his name to the constitution of the club. He wrote his name in a large, round, legible hand without using glasses. He voted for James Madison for president, and for every Democratic candidate for the same office since.

MINOR TOPICS.

A man who was brought to Pittsburgh for robbing a passenger on the P. C. & St. L. R. R., escaped punishment because it was found the robbery had been done just west of the Ohio line.

PROFESSOR HUXLEY calls it a "corroboratory diocytodendous oxygen, with a monopleural corolla and a central placenta." If you are in a hurry you can call it a primrose instead.

It is reported that Gen. Butler has made a vow to abstain from political talk for forty days. That will be as severe a test for him as Tanner had, but he will make up for it when he gets a-going.

NOTHING is more plainly indicative of the bracing of the Democratic cause than the prosperity of the Democratic newspapers. For its own sake, for the party's

and for the cause of enterprising journalism, we rejoice that the *Eric Evening Herald* is such an accomplished success as a handsome new typographical dress, in which it appears, assures us.

THE total amount of cash contributions to the Milton relief fund was \$63,937.23. Philadelphia contributed \$44,299.60, Pittsburgh \$1,660, Reading \$2,915.18, Wilkes-Barre \$2,135.61, Pottsville \$1,301.56, Lancaster \$3,053.25, Allentown \$1,333.00, and so on down. It will be seen from the above that our city occupies the very creditable rank of second only to Philadelphia in the amount of its contribution to a worthy and urgent charity. Which is good for Lancaster.

LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

CASEY FENNEL, aged eleven, was lately shipped from Texas to Philadelphia by express.

Wm. McLean was fatally stricken in the abdomen by John Mitchell, a half drunken negro, on Monday, at Bridgeton, N. S.

Eureka, Nev., was almost destroyed by fire yesterday, the flames taking the same course as the conflagration of 1879.

Wm. Johnson, a saloon keeper at St. Louis, Mo., yesterday drew a pistol upon Chas. Siebert, a blacksmith, who fired first and killed him. Siebert was arrested.

Patrick Padden, aged 16, was run over last evening by a train on the Delaware & Hudson railroad, at Mill Creek, and his body cut in two.

Mrs. M. Wadsworth, a lately widowed matron of a Chicago hospital, died with corrosive sublimate in grief for her husband.

At a barbeque at Goudysville, S. C., a difficulty occurred between a man by the name of Bullock and his son, the father stabbing his son six times, from which he was probably recovered.

A careless thrifty by a workman, yesterday morning, of a red hot iron into a pool of oil, at Empire Co. oil refinery, Long Island City, caused a fire which did \$60,000 damage.

Prof. William Swift, of Rochester, N. Y., yesterday discovered another comet, the fourth he has found the past four years. It was in Ursa Major, right ascension, about 11 hours 28 minutes, declination 69 degrees north.

Jules Richards, formerly a drummer in the Thirteenth Infantry, unsuccessfully attempted to murder Miss Marie Condeau, yesterday, at New Orleans, La., because she refused to marry him, and then cut his own throat with a razor.

Mrs. Sarah W. Thompson and her daughters, Annie and Minnie, of No. 34 Seventh avenue, New York, have returned to that city from the Adirondacks, where they had been visiting, and all three gave unmistakable signs of insanity at the hospital, into which institution they had been sent by a physician whom they complained that they were indisposed.

Wm. H. O. Blincoe, the action of Mount Vernon M. E. church, Baltimore, who disappeared last October with several thousand dollars which he had collected from pew-renters, arrived home yesterday, to the great surprise of his friends and the authorities, who had been anxiously looking for him as a fugitive.

He tells a wild story of being abducted, chloroformed and carried to sea. Of course the money has not been returned.

Bill Roderer, a notorious thief got into Dr. Walker's house in Indianapolis the other night and Mrs. W. heard him under her husband's bed. Finding that he was discovered, attempted to make his escape and fired his pistol at Dr. Walker, missing him. He was backing out of the house, covering the doctor with pistol and knife. Before reaching the door young Walker came to the rescue and fired, killing him instantly.

Haverlock Styles and his "best man" John Wester, ran away with Ophelia Upchurch, daughter of a well-to-do farmer in Nash county, N. C., just after the ceremony was concluded. Mr. Upchurch, armed with a double-barreled shot-gun, rode up. He leveled it at Wester and fired the two barrels charged with buckshot into the young man's left breast. Wester fell without saying a word. Styles fled to the woods, leaving his newly-made bride to the mercies of the enraged father, who carried her home.

In Fort Scott, Kan., yesterday in the gray dawn some fifty men rode to the jail and called up Sheriff Rucker, and on pretext of having a prisoner for him, induced him to unlock the jail. They then seized the sheriff, locked him in a cell and took out Thomas Watkins confined for horse stealing, and departed, when no one had been able to get a view of them. They were discovered. One theory is that Watkins has been lynched and another is that the men were his friends and took this means to rescue him.

MARCHING KNIGHTS.

The procession of the Templars at Chicago yesterday.

The procession of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar took place yesterday at Chicago.

As the column moved south on Wabash avenue, the sight was a grand and inspiring one. Marching at a steady pace of about two miles an hour the soldier-like bearing and beautiful and starred uniforms of the different commanderies elicited cheer upon cheer from the living walls between which they passed, and the sight which greeted the Knights themselves was a fraternal acknowledgment of the esteem in which they were held. The city of Chicago was crowded with visitors from all sections of the union to do to them honor. Nearly every house they passed was gaily decorated in honor of their presence. Every possible place that afforded a view of the march was occupied. Eaves of houses, window sills and cross-arms of telegraph poles, were all forced into service, if from them the knightly spectacle could be seen. The miles of temporary seats along the route, at 50 cents a "sit," were all filled. As the column passed under the funeral arch at Adams street the martial music was changed to a dirge and the commanderies reversed swords.

The Grand Commandery's review arch, at Wabash avenue and Twelfth street, was flanked by drawn swords and saluted by officers and standards. The column, after moving through the principal streets, marched down Clark to the Grand Pacific, where it was dismissed.

Among the remarkable features of the procession were the Oriental commandery, who escorted the Eminent Grand Master in his carriage drawn by thirteen horses, seven white and six black, and attended by a brilliant staff, the Detroit commandery, the St. John, of Philadelphia; the Kapers, of Indianapolis, and the Richard of Cour de Leon, of London, Ont.

The Grand Encampment of the United States met in convalescence during the afternoon, but transacted no business beyond listening to formal reports. Officers will be selected to-day.

The grand ball at the exposition building, last night, was a monster affair, but owing to the same management that kept the commanderies standing broiling in the sun, without their breakfasts in the morning, it was not the complete success which the decorations and magnificent preparations and decorations of the building promised. Invitations were issued for over 100,000 people, and the building is not capable of holding over 25,000. Scenes resembling those of an infuriated mob were enacted at the single entrance to the Exposition building.

ing, where ticketholders sought admission to an over-crowded ball, where the only exit was into a lumber yard and over a picket fence. Several women fainted.

HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON.

Death of the Distinguished Georgian at the Age of Sixty-Eight.

Herschel V. Johnson, a man long prominent in public life, at 8 o'clock on Monday night at his residence in Jefferson county, Ga. He was born Sept. 18, 1812, and when quite young entered the political arena as an advocate of the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy. In 1844 he was a Democratic presidential elector; in 1848 was appointed to the United States Senate for an unexpired term; in 1849 became a circuit judge, and was elected governor of Georgia in 1853 and re-elected in 1855; in 1860 was a candidate for vice president of the United States on the Democratic ticket with Stephen A. Douglas.

When the question of secession arose he fought against disunion as a member of the constitutional convention, but went into rebellion with his state. Subsequently he was a leading member of the Confederate Senate, but when the war closed was quick to renew his allegiance to the general government, and, as a Union man, presided over the constitutional convention of 1865. In 1866 he was elected to the United States Senate, but was denied his seat. In 1873 he was again elected a circuit judge and was holding that position when he died.

STATE ITEMS.

James Halterman, a farmer, living at Craig Meadows, near Millford, fell from a hay stack yesterday and broke his neck. Death was instantaneous.

Frederick Gentner died last evening from injuries said to have been inflicted by Martin Smith, a tavern keeper at 319 Second street, Philadelphia. The men quarreled about the payment for liquor, and Hassett is said to have struck Gentner on the head with a mallet or beer glass. Hassett was arrested.

Samuel Murphy, of Philadelphia, caught a drunken man in his yard, whom he mistook for a burglar. On his return from the police station, where he had taken his man, Murphy found his mother, Rebecca Murphy, aged 72 years, suffering from a severe shock, which the noise of the encounter between her son and the goliath had caused, and she died in an hour.

PITTSBURGH DISASTERS.

John King, the oldest resident of Allegheny county, has died at his residence on his farm, some distance from the city. He was ninety-one years of age.

An unknown man at Agnew station, on the Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne railroad, shot and killed a woman, who had helped herself to some grapes and was pursued by three or four men. He jumped into the river to escape, but they pelted him with stones and was drowned. No effort was made to save him until he sank to the bottom.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Events Across the County Lines.

Sir Knight J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, commanding the Pennsylvania division in the grand parade in Chicago yesterday.

John L. Fritz, a Reading carpenter, while shingling a kitchen roof, fell dead from paralysis. He was 79 years old.

Jacob B. Mast, foreman of the lumber yard at the Reading car shops, was stricken with paralysis last Wednesday evening, and died last night.

A second audit of the Reading railroad receivers shows a cash balance in the rail road account of \$101,243.68, and in the coal and iron company of \$23,614.43.

The thieves arrested at Allentown for the Nettville burglary had in their possession a revolver taken from the Fleet-wood postoffice when it was robbed. A decoy letter arrested the conductor.

Owen B. Benner, the conductor of the shifting engine on the Wilmington & Northern railroad, who was run over at Wilmington and had one leg cut off, has died.

On Tuesday next will begin the trials of George F. Smith, of Philadelphia, and E. J. McTune and Christian Long, all charged with carrying a cash balance in the rail road account of \$101,243.68, and in the coal and iron company of \$23,614.43.

The four-year-old child of a colored man named Eliza Lomax, living near Locust Grove, Popcorn township, Chester county, was killed yesterday by a passing train when the electric belt entered apparently by the window, where a light of glass was broken, and passed down the cupboard, shattering it, thence to the body of the child, from whose head most of the hair was shaved, and who was killed instantly.

A colored young man from West Chester at Fraser station attempted to commit suicide by jumping in front of the 6:40 passenger train east of that point. He was rescued from his perilous position by a young lady who was in the party. A party from Philadelphia had gone to Downington to spend the day, and another beat had cut him out of his favorite lair.

There were two counts in the indictment for libel found against Vosburg N. Shaffer, editor of the *Phoenixville Independent*, at the instance of John O. K. Roberts, of the *Phoenixville Independent*, in relation to the editor of the *Messenger* being drunk in Reading and one in regard to meeting a woman called the "Bohemian Girl" at the depot in Phoenixville. The jury found Shaffer guilty on the first count and acquitted him on the second.

A son of Reuben Sholley, ten years old, who was playing with a revolver, at Bangor, Berks county, was severely and dangerously wounded by the accidental discharge of the weapon that his arm will probably have to be amputated. The lad's father hearing the report, seized the pistol, and in his anger, tossed the weapon into the yard. The child, however, completely disregarding the concussion caused another discharge, the ball imbedding itself in the gentleman's leg, and causing a very dangerous wound.

At the Vesuvius iron works a piece of iron was running through the rolls, when, by some mishap, it was caught in a wrong groove, and the snake-like piece of hot metal wound itself around the body of a man named Hartman, completely encircling him. The rolls were stopped as soon as possible, but not until he was horribly burned about the legs and abdomen. When the machinery was stopped it was found necessary to straighten out the iron before he could be released.

Pistol Lost.

While attempting to arrest Paul Quigley on Monday Officer Adams lost his revolver. It was a seven-shooter Sharp, covered by an oil cloth case. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to the officer.

IN CHICAGO.

Lancaster Knights at Breakfast.

One of the finest entertainments given in connection with the Knights Templar festivities in Chicago, at breakfast at the Palmer house on Monday morning to the Grand Master Vincent L. Hurlburt and the Grand Encampment of the United States by Beauceant commandery of Baltimore. The festive board, around which sat the most distinguished lights of Templarism in the United States, was laid in the spacious dining hall of the Palmer house, with its tesselated marble floor, its columns of polished marble, and the walls decorated with the banners, mottoes and insignia of the Masonic fraternity. It was 11 o'clock before the members of Beauceant commandery, after marching from the encampment in full dress, arrived at the Palmer house. Here they were shown into a spacious parlor, where they received their guests and exchanged friendly salutations. Knights and ladies of various states were introduced one to another; personal cards were exchanged, and the greatest good feeling prevailed. Silk flags marked the representatives of the different states at the tables. There was an address of welcome in invocation, and the toast "The great was discussed. It embraced little neck chicken on the shell, potage, hors d'oeuvre, poisson escalope, de file de bœuf sauté, young chicken, sauté à la Marengo, saddle of spring lamb, English snipe, chicken salad, omelette soufflé à la Manilla, with their concomitant vegetables served up in the highest style of the culinary art. The wines were choice and of the finest flavor, embracing Haut Saatenre, Chateau Yquem, Johannisberg, dry Monopole and Cognac. There were toasts and brilliant speeches, and the whole affair was a grand success. Among the guests were Mr. B. Frank Breneman and Mr. Chas. M. Howell this city.

Silence is Confession.

It is now several weeks since the *Examiner* stated as a fact within its knowledge, that the ballot-box was changed in the Second ward last year, so as to materially alter the count for an important county office, and yet no steps have been taken to punish the guilty parties. The *Examiner* is now correct in its statement of the facts. And we have the right to assume that it was correct, because not one of the officers implicated in the crime have attempted to vindicate themselves from the charge by public denial of what, if untrue, would be an atrocious libel. The Second ward is one of the most respectable in the city, and its primaries ought to be above the suspicion of such daring frauds upon its voters. The only way to place it above suspicion in the future is to adopt such measures as will insure the punishment of any man who is bold enough and bold enough, however respectable he may claim to be, to stain his soul with perjury on the disgraceful plea that "all is fair in politics."

The Lesson of It.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

In Lancaster [Marietta] on Sunday, Miss Tillie Mateer, while walking with a gentleman, when a spark from his cigar set fire to her dress and she was fatally burned. It seems to be inevitable that when a woman's clothing comes in contact with fire, even so small an amount as a cigar spark, the wearer is seriously burned, if not killed. Consider the extremely inflammable nature of the female dress and the careless gait with which it is switched around in proximity to open grates and blazing gas jets, the wonder is, not that so many women are burned to death, but that so many escape. The most common preparations for rendering clothing and other textile fabrics incombustible. Cannot one or more of them be made fashionable, and so protect our wives and daughters from the most horrible of all disasters?

A Stag Party.

This morning a party of gentlemen from this city and some from other places rendezvoused in the Pennsylvania railroad depot and took the 11:35 train west for the objective point being Fort Furnace station, on the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad, and their avowed object being to drink the healing waters of the delightful spring at that place. The party numbered nearly fifty, among whom were John D. Skiles, J. L. Steinmetz, George Nauman, S. H. Reynolds, R. W. Shenk, Wm. Leach, Robert B. Risk, H. E. Slaymaker, Wm. L. Peiper, Wm. R. Fordney, Chas. E. Pugh, Wm. F. Lockard, George M. Franklin, Wm. A. Allee, George M. Kline, Amos Slaymaker, J. Hay Brown, Wm. A. Wilson, S. S. Spencer, M. V. B. Steinmetz, T. H. G. Smith, J. B. Kauffman, Dr. Henry Carpenter, Wm. A. Morton, H. Baumgardner, Jos. Lebar, waiter.

The West King Street Frauds.

The fight which took place on West King street on last Wednesday night, between C. L. Northrup and Robert Blaco on the one side and Jonas A. Goodman on the other during which Goodman was badly cut in the mouth by a stone thrown by Northrup, has already been decided in court and Mr. Northrup has been acquitted of the charge of assault and battery preferred against him by Goodman. It is due to Mr. Northrup to say that he denies he was insolent to the chambermaids and waiters while at the Cooper house, or that he in any way put on offensive airs. As our authority of the prosecution we give the defendant the benefit of his denial.

SUMMER LEISURE.

Personal Paragraphs of Local Interest.

Miss Fannie Dougherty, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Dougherty, East Orange street, and Miss Lizzie Nigle is visiting the family of Mr. Jno. R. McGovern, Manheim township.

Mr. Coe Mullock, court stenographer, is enjoying a vacation among relatives in Towanda, and other places in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York.

The man with the hay fever is daily becoming more numerous.

The Harrisburg *Patriot* notes that "Miss Katie Wagoner, of South Second street, left for Lancaster yesterday, to spend a week or two among her relatives."

A Successful Picnic.

The Dorwart street mission picnic held yesterday was largely attended and those in attendance were very much pleased. After they arrived at the woods they all went on the stand and sang a hymn after which the superintendent offered a prayer. Another hymn was sung; the superintendent made a few remarks. Rev. J. B. Soule made a prayer. At 8 o'clock p. m. they all returned home without an accident. The picnic was a great success financially.

The Local Campaign.

The Hancock Veterans association held a meeting last night and the roll was increased to 107 members, to be divided into four companies.

Notices of ward clubs and general committee meetings will be found in our "Political Bulletin."

Officer Fulmer, of the Fifth ward, whose conduct was so severely criticized yesterday on account of his business while making arrests, tendered his resignation to Mayor MacGonigle last evening, and it was promptly accepted. Mr. Wright Shultz has been appointed in his stead, until such time as Mr. Killinger, the regular officer shall be able to resume his office.

COUNT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

The August Term of Criminal Business.

Tuesday Afternoon.—In the indictment against Jacob Bessel, charged with fornication and bastardy and seduction, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty of seduction, with county for costs, and guilty of fornication and bastardy.

In case of common-law vs. Fredrick Hildebrand, charged with enticing Anna Haplicher, a minor, a verdict of not guilty was taken, the district attorney stating that after an examination of the case he was satisfied that the girl had gone with him of her own accord.

The common-law vs. William Emswiler was forfeited and process issued for his arrest.

Washington Cole, a resident of the "hill," at Columbia, was charged on two indictments with felonious assault and battery on his wife and Constable Lyle, and with resisting the night watchmen, to arrest him. The testimony showed that on the 27th of April last word was sent to Justice Evans's office that Cole was cutting his wife's throat. In company with Officer Fisher the squad went up to Cole's house, but the woman would not let them to come near him. The wife was sent for, and when he came into the yard Cole threw a hatchet at him, striking him on the head. Lyle then discharged his revolver at defendant, the ball going through his coat sleeve. Defendant testified that he had a slight difficulty with his wife, but did not intend to do her any bodily harm, and he only threw the hatchet after he had been shot at. The jury convicted him of resisting the officer and of simple assault on the officer, and sentenced him to the penitentiary on his wife. He was sentenced to imprisonment of six months and to pay all the costs.

Frank Yellets, a colored boy, was charged with stealing chickens from the premises of Michael Shearer and Jacob S. Garman, farmers of Mount Joy township. The theft was committed on the night of Friday, May 21. The stolen chickens were found in the possession of a man named Eckert, where they were taken by defendant and a young man named Gans, who is now a fugitive from justice. At the hearing the section officers testified that there was no defense and the jury convicted him without leaving the box. He was sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of three months.

Thos. Edward Wilson was indicted for perjury in having sworn falsely to a complaint against Alderman Spurrer, on October 28, 1878, that he and the Archey boys had bought liquor of Job Benn, on a Sunday in May or June, 1878. Job Benn testified that at the time he is alleged to have sold the liquor to the parties named, he was the proprietor of the saloon. The case was heard by the jury on Wednesday, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was finally dismissed. A former proprietor of the Summer house, testified that the license was transferred to Job Benn on July 3, 1878, and up to that date he had the keys to the room where the liquors were kept, and Benn had no right to sell liquor on a Sunday. Archey, one of the persons sworn to by the defendant as having bought liquor from Benn in May or June, 1878, testified that he was never in the Summer house on Sunday. After counsel for defense had made their opening speech, court adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.

The grand inquest made the following return:

True Bills.—John B. Erb, et al., forcible entry; Henry Lukens, alias James Wilson, Frank Montgomery, Henry Watson (4 indictments); William Watson (4 indictments); James and William Madlen, et al., violating sepulchre.

Ignored.—John Walk and Charles Kurtz, larceny; John B. Nickel, assault and battery, and county for costs.

Tuesday Evening. The trial of the case of common-law vs. Thos. Edward Wilson, charged with perjury, was resumed. The defense was that if Job Benn the prosecutor in this case, did not violate the liquor law at the time sworn to by defendant in the complaint made before Alderman Spurrer, he did violate it during that summer, and Wilson should not be convicted of perjury because he was mistaken as to date; that the prosecutor took possession of the Summer house in June and not on July 3d as he had testified, and that the Archey boys were seen coming out of the Summer house during a Sunday in the month of June, 1878. The case was given to the jury about 9 o'clock, when court adjourned until Wednesday morning. This morning the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," defendant to pay one third and prosecutor two thirds of the costs.

Wednesday Morning.—William and Henry Watson, father and son, residents of the Welsh mountain, were charged with the larceny of chickens from Mrs. Isaac Bare, a horse blanket from Elias T.